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GOV. EASLEY REAPPOINTS BARTISS AND PHILIPPE TO VISION CARE COMMISSION

Raleigh - Gov. Mike Easley has reappointed Michael J. Bartiss of Pinehurst and Scott C. Philippe of Marvin to the North Carolina Commission on Early Childhood Vision Care.

Bartiss is a pediatric ophthalmologist at Family Eye Care of the Carolinas in Aberdeen. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills, a former board member of the Sandhills Children's Center, and a member of the Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group. Bartiss received the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service. He received his Bachelor's degree in biology from Indiana University, his Doctorate in medicine from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine, and his Doctorate in optometry from the State University of New York College of Optometry.

Philippe is an optometrist at Piedmont Eye Care Association in Charlotte. He is past president of the N.C. Optometric Society. Philippe was named the N.C. Young Optometrist of the Year in 2001. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky and his Doctorate in optometry from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn.

The commission develops alternative ways for providing services to children who qualify for the Governor's Vision Care Program when funding for program services has been exhausted. There are 10 members on the commission, each serving an initial two-year term and a three-year term if reappointed. The governor appoints eight members. The Senate President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House each appoint one member.

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